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- Dr. Friedrich Erhard Hübener, Minister-President of Saxony-Anhalt, is well aware that the course of events in the Russian Zone, distasteful to him at present, is extremely unlikely to change for the better. He intends to resign and to withdraw from public life at the first opportunity. At Present the SMA has tied his hands by exacting a pledge that he will remain in office until General Shlyakhtenko's return. The latter is on sick leave and the date of his return is not at all certain. Hübener had suggested that he be allowed to resign in order to accept a professorship at Halle or Jena, but the SMA would not permit it.
- The SMA had proposed to August that Hübener take over the chairman-ship of the LDP as successor to Dr. Wilhelm Kütz. The LDP agreed and Hübener was not averse since he believed he could then resign as Minister-President. About August 20 Hübener heard that Heinrich Rau, Mead of the Deutsche Wiitschaftskommission, had informed Artur Lieutenant, temporary head of the LDP, that the DWK will not furnish the LDP with drafts of proposed ordinances. The SED regularly receives copies of such drafts and thus is in a position to offer advice and criticism. In view of Ru's attitude, Hübener decided he would not accept the LDP post and so informed the SMA and the LDP. The LDP then postponed the scheduled party convention. When Hübener told Colonel Rodenov the reason for his decision, Rodenov stated that Hübener still would not be permitted to resign against the will of the the SMA.

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